

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

In the English translation document, please add the abstract at page 8 written line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT

In one aspect, a method for negotiating bearer properties in a communication network providing a plurality of Media Gateway Controllers and a plurality of Media Gateways, in which bearer properties are maintained, and maintaining reference lists in the Media Gateway Controllers, the reference list comprising influenceable bearer properties is provided.--

A clean copy of the Abstract that incorporates the above amendments is provided herewith on a separate page.